

By way of example and referring to Fig. 2A, it is assumed that node A1 detects a change in topology of its neighbors. Upon detecting a change in the topology, node A1 sends a vote token containing its node name and the number of FQNs, i.e. 2. In this example, the name of the token will be V.A1.2. The V.A1.2 token is sent by link 1 and 2. V.A1.2 token sent through link 2 reaches node A2 which has three FQNs. Because node A2 has more FQNs than node A1, node A2 swallows V.A1.2 token.

A favorable action and allowance of the application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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